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Kindergarten Registration

February is Kindergarten Registration Month!

At the Toronto District School Board, our elementary schools offer Full-Day Kindergarten. Our educators recognize that children come to school with diverse backgrounds and rich experiences. Our Kindergarten programs will build upon these experiences and support your child to learn, grow, and succeed. At the TDSB, we believe our youngest learners benefit from engaging in a variety of rich and authentic learning, both indoors and outdoors. Our classroom programs are designed to bring The Kindergarten Program 2016 to life by providing children opportunities to learn through play, inquiry, and exploration. Throughout the two-year Kindergarten program, classroom educators support the children in developing their sense of belonging, well-being, and problem solving skills. Throughout the day, children explore literacy, mathematics, science, physical education and the arts.

If you have a child born in 2013, please call 416-393-9070 to make an appointment to register your child. We will be booking appointments for registration from Monday, February 6th until Friday, February 17th. If you have a neighbour who has a child this age, please pass this information on to them.

When you come to register, please bring in the following information:

1. Child's Birth Certificate, Permanent Resident Card, Citizenship Papers *or* Refugee Papers
2. Two pieces of identification that show your address (utility bill, rental or lease agreement, bank statement) *A driver's license is not accepted.*
3. Child's Health Card
4. Child's Immunization Record
5. Legal Custody Document (if applicable)

We look forward to meeting with you and your child!

Rock Hard for Our Yard

The Rock Hard for our Yard event on January 14th was a huge success! Thank you to all the bands that played, and parents and Earl Beatty staff members who supported the event. **Together we raised over \$4500 for school yard improvements.** A special thanks to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Tennis Canada, TSN Sports, Sweet Pete's bike shop, the Boys and Girls Club, Dragonz Martial Arts, Jack of Sports, Monarch Park Stadium, BOMB Fitness, Little Kickers and Origin Wellness who generously donated items for our silent auction. Check out the event in the February edition of SNAPd Beaches.

Toronto Marlies

Earl Beatty will be attending the Toronto Marlies game on Sunday, February 5th. Come join the fun! Order forms have been sent out and can be returned to the office. It will be a great time to enjoy a pre-game skate, cheer on the Marlies, and with enough tickets ordered, join in and get a chance to have fun in the tunnel, greeting the home team as they head out to the ice. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Eco-Club

Inspired by the interest and motivation shown by the students and school community, we have initiated the Earl Beatty Eco-Club. The Eco Club will be meeting regularly on Thursdays at lunchtime in the library.

The goal of this club is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about important environmental issues, at a local and global level. We will be supporting the recycling and composting programs that will be taking place at the school, as well as initiating other activities to support waste reduction, raise awareness of conservation efforts and

support community and global environmental needs. Thank you for your support as we work with our motivated group of students!

Recess Revival & Playground PALS

Recess Revival is a program led by Healthy Kids Community Challenge (Danforth East-York). Information on this exciting program that focuses on developing healthy living goals and increasing physical fitness, including an active recess program at school, can be found at: <http://healthykidstoronto.com/eastyork/> . We will be having the organization present at our assemblies this week and they will be working with our Student Council to develop leaders to provide activities for students at recess.

PALS (Playground Activity Leaders - in the school), a child leadership initiative to help reduce bullying through physical activity, is starting up in the next few weeks - thank you to Mr. Briggs for his leadership with this initiative. Student leaders in this program will receive information and training on the following topics: playground safety, qualities of a leader and leadership styles, communication skills, conflict resolution, games. We look forward to having lots of fun with our student community in the playground!

We Are One Jazz Project & Super Sounding Strings

Mr. Brigg's and Mr. Drew's classes have been singing sweet melodies with the vocal instructors from the "We Are One" Jazz Project. The vocal instructors are coming to sing with the classes every week at the school - we look forward to a lovely sounding end product!

Mr. Rumball's Grade 5/6 classroom have been having a wonderful time learning the beauty of the violin and viola in school. Our itinerant instructor has been working very hard with the group and seeing lots of amazing progress. We look forward to hearing them perform at our Winter Concert!

Public Consultation Event Re: Supporting Student Well-Being

All TDSB Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend a public consultation being held on Thursday, 2nd February from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm at Rosedale Heights School of the Arts. Presented by the TDSB Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee, this event is an opportunity for all TDSB families to provide their input and feedback to the Ministry of Education on how to enhance and support the well-being of Ontario students.

The evening will include a special presentation on Mindful Parenting & Resilient Children/Youth. Childcare and light refreshments are provided. Please see the [attached poster](#) or visit [Well-Being Consultation](#) to learn more and to register.

Dufflebag Theatre and Shaun Boothe - Artists at Beatty

We look forward to the performance by **DuffleBag Theatre** this Thursday, January 26th. The show is a celebration of storytelling, creativity, inclusiveness, and imagination. We will also be hosting a performance in the afternoon for our Intermediate students - **Shaun Boothe's** highly entertaining *Live Your Legacy* presentation uses his Bio Series videos as an educational tool to engage and inspire youth in a way that captivates their attention and triggers their imagination - combining his live performance with videos of historical figures such as Terry Fox, astronaut Chris Hadfield, teenage female activist Malala, Bob Marley, Oprah Winfrey, and Martin Luther King Jr. Shaun speaks to students about the lessons that can be learned from the lives of these inspiring icons, their challenges and how they overcame them, as well as sharing crucial stories from his own journey.

Now and Then ...

At Earl Beatty there have been great achievements and milestones for our students as well as our beloved building. Its foundation is part of our legacy and embraces our motto: *learning together*. We are working tirelessly to build on its legacy to support the success of Earl Beatty students, today and the years to come.

It is to look to the past as we take a step to build the future. Archive records have revealed parents and school community exploring opportunities to improve our schoolyard for decades, or April 1973 to be exact, with an "*Honest Earl's Bargain Basement Sale*", the first of what was to be an annual sale, offering used children's clothes from newborn to age 14 and sporting equipment in good condition. "*Are they going to offer coffee there?*", says Sheila, a very tired Mom of 3 children. "*All proceeds of the sale will support our schoolyard greening.*"

On the next page is a look at some of the work we have done at Earl Beatty with the building of our swimming pool and much appreciated Earl Beatty Community Recreation Centre as well as the yard itself.

The Community Centre under construction - 1979.



Our field of (baseball) diamonds ... and dirt.

Important Dates

Kids Have Stress Too - Workshop - Part 2: January 25th

School Advisory Committee Meeting - January 26th @ 6:30 p.m. (daycare provided)

Movie Night: Friday, January 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

Winter Concert: Thursday, February 2nd - Kindies @ 6:00 pm, Grades 1 - 8 @ 7:00 pm

Term One Report Cards: Sent Home - February 14th